

**BioDistrict New Orleans**  
**Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 3, 2016**  
**935 Gravier Street, Suite 2020, New Orleans, LA**

**Commissioners Present:** Gene D'Amour, Rebecca Conwell for Andy Kopplin, Sharon Courtney, Harold Gaspard, Kelisha Garrett, John Hope III

**Commissioners Absent:** Kacie Kelly, Henry Hays, Darrick LeBeouf, Roger Ogden, Charles Rice, Jr.

**Commissioners via Phone:** Dr. Larry Hollier, Donna Klein, Rev. Kaseem Short,

**Others:** New Orleans Business Alliance staff present (Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Tim Hemphill and Lisa Hellrich), Chris D'Amour and Jaime Guillory (via phone)

**Quorum:** None

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- I. Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 9:10am CST.
- II. Roll Call**  
Lisa Hellrich performed a roll call of board commissioners. No quorum was present.
- III. Adopt Agenda for Board Meeting**  
Board commissioners adopted agenda for the current board meeting. No comments were made regarding the agenda.
- IV. Introduction of Guest(s)**  
No guests were present at this meeting.
- V. Adoption of BioDistrict Minutes**  
The Minutes from the December 15, 2015 BioDistrict Board of Commissioners meeting were not adopted as no quorum was present.
- VI. Financial Report**  
Jaime Guillory provided a financial update to the Board by phone. There had been no activity since December, 2015.

**VII. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Gene D'Amour provided no major updates at this meeting.

**VIII. Update on New Orleans Business Alliance (NOLABA) Initiatives**

Quentin L. Messer, Jr. presented a preview of NOLABA's new website ([www.NOLABIO.org](http://www.NOLABIO.org).) He also announced a new hire of Amritha Appaswami, Director, Business Development & Strategy for the BIO Ecosystem.

**IX. Other Old Business**

Chris D'Amour provided an update on the ongoing James McNamara case via phone. An appeal with the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit was made and ruled in our favor. That ruling was appealed and reversed the ruling in favor of McNamara. We will appeal this reversal.

**X. New Business**

No new business was presented.

**XI. Public Comment(s)**

No public comment(s) were made.

**XII. Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn was presented by Sharon Courtney, with the approval of the commissioners present at 9:59 am CST.